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SUBJECT: TURKMENISTAN: 2010 NTE REPLY ON THE ARAB LEAGUE
TRADE BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL

REF: A. STATE 118797

[1](#)B. ASHGABAT 696

The Arab League Trade Boycott of Israel does not impact U.S. firms or products in Turkmenistan (Ref A). U.S. branded products are sold in Turkmenistan, although the majority are not imported directly from the U.S. They are often produced in Turkey or Russia and then imported into Turkmenistan. The GOTX has not made any public calls to support the boycott of trade with Israel. Israeli companies have operated in Turkmenistan since 1993, including the Merhav Group which undertakes projects for the Turkmen Government that range from gas processing to agriculture. In addition, the Israeli Government has diplomatic relations with Turkmenistan and plans to open an embassy in Ashgabat in the near future (Ref B).

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